

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A composition, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the molecule of claim 1 36 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

7. (Currently amended) A composition, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an immunoglobulin according to claim 1 36 that binds to A34 and is conjugated to an anti-cancer agent, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

8. (Withdrawn) A method of reducing the effects in a patient of a cancer that expresses A34 antigen, comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of an immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 which binds to A34 protein.

9. (Withdrawn) A method of reducing the effects in a patient of a cancer that expresses A34 antigen, comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of an immunoglobulin according to claim 1 which binds to A34 protein and is conjugated to an anti-cancer agent.

10. (Withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising an isolated polynucleotide encoding A34 protein.

11. (Withdrawn) An expression vector comprising the isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 10, wherein said polynucleotide molecule is located in operable relation to at least one promoter.

12. (Withdrawn) A host cell transformed or transfected with the isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 10.

13. (Withdrawn) A host cell transformed or transfected with the expression vector of claim 11.

14. (Withdrawn) An isolated polypeptide molecule comprising A34, or an antigenic fragment of said A34.

15. (Withdrawn) The isolated polypeptide of claim 14, wherein said isolated polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 6.

16. (Withdrawn) A polypeptide produced by recombinant expression of the isolated polynucleotide molecule of claim 10.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of diagnosing cancer characterized by the presence of A34 antigen in cancer cells, comprising:

obtaining a sample of cells of interest;

contacting said sample with an agent, which specifically binds A34 antigen, such that A34/agent complexes may be formed; and

detecting the presence or absence of said complexes, wherein the presence of said complexes indicates a positive cancer diagnosis.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein the agent is an antibody, or immunologically active fragment thereof, wherein said antibody or fragment is specific for the A34 protein.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein the agent is a nucleic acid molecule comprising contacting said sample with a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to all or part of the nucleic acid molecule of A34.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Withdrawn) A method for determining regression, progression, or onset of a cancerous condition comprising monitoring a sample from a patient with said cancerous condition for the presence, absence, or change in expression level of A34 antigen comprising:

obtaining a sample of interest;

contacting said sample with at least one agent, which specifically binds A34 antigen, such that A34/agent complexes may be formed; and

detecting the presence, absence or change in of said complexes, wherein the presence, absence, or change in expression level of said complexes indicates progression, regression or onset of cancer diagnosis.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one agent is an antibody, or immunologically active fragment thereof, wherein said antibody or fragment is specific for the A34 polypeptide.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the agent is a nucleic acid molecule comprising contacting said sample with a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to all or part of the nucleic acid molecule of A34.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) The immunoglobulin molecule of claim 1 36, wherein said immunoglobulin molecule is humanized.

26. (Currently amended) The immunoglobulin molecule of claim 1 36, wherein said immunoglobulin molecule is fully human.

27. (Currently amended) The immunoglobulin molecule of claim 1 36, wherein said immunoglobulin molecule is recombinant.

28. (Currently amended) An immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 that binds to A34 and is conjugated to at least one anti-cancer agent.

29. (Currently amended) The immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 28, wherein said anti-cancer agent is selected from the group consisting of radioisotopes, chemotherapeutic agents, ~~or~~ cytotoxic agents and combinations thereof.

30. (Currently amended) The immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 29, wherein said anti-cancer agent is a radioisotope selected from the group consisting of ^{125}I , ^{131}I , ^{99}Tc , ^{90}Y and ^{111}In .

31. (Currently amended) The immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 28, wherein said anti-cancer agent comprises a chemotherapeutic agent or cytotoxic agent selected from the group consisting of QFA, antifolates, BCNU (carmustine), mercaptopurine, methotrexate, docetaxel, adriamycin, calicheamicin cellular toxin,

bacterial toxin, pseudomonas exotoxin, ricin, ~~and~~ diphtheria toxin and combinations thereof.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Withdrawn) A method for determining if cancer cells which express A34 are present in a sample, comprising:

contacting a sample of interest with at least one oligonucleotide molecule which specifically hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 10 which encodes A34, wherein hybridization of said at least one oligonucleotide molecule to a nucleic acid molecule is indicative of cancer cells which express A34 in said sample; and

detecting the presence or absence of such hybridization, wherein the presence of said hybridization indicates the presence of cancer cells which express A34.

34. (Withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence which is an antisense sequence of A34.

35. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim ~~1~~ 36, where the immunoglobulin molecule binds to an extracellular portion of A34.

36. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule ~~according to claim 1~~ which binds specifically to A34 antigen, wherein said immunoglobulin molecule comprises ~~comprising~~ at least one variable region, wherein the variable region comprises at least one CDR3 sequence selected from the

group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 46, ~~or~~ and SEQ ID NO: 49.

37. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising at least one heavy chain variable region, wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises at least one CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 43, ~~or~~ and SEQ ID NO: 49.

38. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising at least one heavy chain variable region, wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises at least one CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 43, or SEQ ID NO: 49; and one light chain variable region wherein the light chain variable region comprises at least one CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 40, ~~or~~ and SEQ ID NO: 46.

39. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising a heavy chain variable region comprising three CDR regions selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, ~~and~~ SEQ ID NO: 49 and combinations thereof.

40. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising a light chain variable region comprising three CDR regions selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 38, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO: 45, ~~and~~ SEQ ID NO: 46 and combinations thereof.

41. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising a heavy chain variable region comprising three CDR regions selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, ~~and~~ SEQ ID NO: 49, and combinations thereof and a light chain variable region comprising three CDR regions selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 38, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO: 45, ~~and~~ SEQ ID NO: 46 and combinations thereof.

42. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising a light chain variable region comprising at least one CDR region selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, and SEQ ID NO: 34, and a heavy chain variable region comprising at least one CDR region selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, and SEQ ID NO: 37.

43. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising a light chain variable region comprising at least one CDR region selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 38, SEQ ID NO: 39, and SEQ ID NO: 40, and a heavy chain variable region comprising at least one CDR region selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, and SEQ ID NO: 43.

44. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising a light chain variable region comprising at least one CDR region selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO:

45, and SEQ ID NO: 46, and a heavy chain variable region comprising at least one CDR region selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, and SEQ ID NO: 49.

45. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising at least one heavy chain variable region selected from SEQ ID NO: 23, SEQ ID NO: 27, and SEQ ID NO: 31.

46. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising at least one light chain variable region selected from SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 25, and SEQ ID NO: 29.

47. (Currently amended) The substantially pure immunoglobulin molecule according to claim 1 36 comprising at least one heavy chain variable region selected from SEQ ID NO: 23, SEQ ID NO: 27, and SEQ ID NO: 31 and at least one light chain variable region selected from SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 25, and SEQ ID NO: 29.